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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re: Kim et al.

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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FERROELECTRIC MEMORY DEVICES INCLUDING
PLATE LINES DIRECTLY ON FERROELECTRIC CAPACITORS AND
METHODS OF FABRICATING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 28, 2002, which requires an election of one of the following patentably distinct species:

(1) Embodiment 1 shown in Figures 4-12, wherein a strip line is offset from the ferroelectric capacitor; or

(2) Embodiment 2 shown in Figures 13-15, wherein a strip line is below a surface of the ferroelectric capacitor.

Applicants hereby elect the species of Figures 4-12 (Embodiment 1) and respectfully request substantive examination of Claims 1-7 and 10-12, which read on the embodiments of Figures 4-12. Applicants agree that unpatentability of claims directed to the embodiments of Figures 13-15 would not necessarily imply unpatentability of claims directed to the embodiments of Figures 4-12. Accordingly, Applicants make this election without traverse.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 1-5 and 10-12 are generic to both Embodiment I and Embodiment II. Accordingly, upon allowance of any of these generic claims, all of the remaining claims that are readable on Embodiment II, *i.e.*, Claims 8-9 also will be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request initial examination of Claims 1-7 and 10-12, and allowance of all of pending Claims 1-12.

Respectfully submitted,

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